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NASHVILLE (BP)—Plans to win 525,000 persons to Christ during 1959 were discussed by 24 state Baptist secretaries of evangelism at a meeting here.

Also participating in the meeting was Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, evangelism secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board.

Preliminary statistics show that baptisms of converts in 1958 will exceed 400,000. The only previous year baptisms exceeded this number was in 1955.

The increased soul-winning goal is a part of the Southern Baptist Convention's participation in the 1959 simultaneous evangelistic crusade by Baptists throughout North America, according to Sanderson.

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Losing Ground

In spite of the 103 million members of churches in the United States, the nation was more non-Christian this year than at any other time, Sanderson said. One of every 20 persons born since the time of Adam is now living, he continued. "This gives Southern Baptists their greatest growth potential."

Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, predicted 70,000 Southern Baptist churches by 1975. The number of churches co-operating with Southern Baptists now is over 31,000, and the denomination has a goal of increasing that substantially in the next

five years.

Since 1940, Redford said, Southern Baptist work has been extended into 24 states where it was not carried on before. Eight of these states have grown sufficiently to organize independent, co-operating state Baptist conventions.

There are Southern Baptist churches now in 43 states and District of Columbia.

In 1960, the evangelism secretaries learned, the theme "Operation Resident Membership" will be used in the Convention. 1957 figures show that of the 8,966,255 members of Southern Baptist churches, 2,474,686 do not live in the area where they have their church membership. These are called "non-resident" members.

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Southern Placed On Probation

DAYTON, O. (RNS) — The American Association of Theological Schools here has deferred for one year a decision on the removal of accreditation of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., because of a controversy between the school's administrators and the faculty which resulted in the dismissal of 13 professors.

Trustees of the seminary were informed that its status will be decided next year on the basis of "a full inquiry as to whether they have taken adequate steps to repair the damage to the seminary and to the dismissed professors."

At the same time, the association's executive committee unanimously called for the resignation of Dr. Duke K. McCall, the seminary's president, from the vice-presidency of the AATS and from membership on its commission on accrediting.

"It is inappropriate that he should continue to serve in these offices while his institution is under investigation by the association," the committee declared.

Reviewed Report

The association is the recognized accrediting agency of theological schools in this country. It acted after receiving a report from a special committee of its commission on accrediting which investigated the dismissal of the seminary's professors "to determine whether this action should affect its accreditation."

Last June the 13 professors were discharged after challenging President McCall's administration.

CONVENTION BOARD MEETS

Fifty-nine of the 76 members of the State Convention of the Board were present for the December meeting of the body last Tuesday in Jackson.

Beginning at top and going to bottom, each member is listed above with his association, from left to right (For instance, Dr. J. Lewis White is at left and Mr. Frank C. Burch is at right):

Dr. D. Lewis White, Adams
Mr. Frank C. Burch, Attaia

Rev. E. E. Willis, Benton

Rev. B. Dophus Hardin, Carroll

Rev. Samuel M. Brown, Calhoun

Rev. Ira Bright, Chickasaw

Rev. W. L. Anderson, Clarke

Rev. Clifford Perkins, Clay

Rev. Rowe Holcomb, Copiah

Rev. Ervin Brown, DeSoto

Dr. John Landrum, Grenada

Rev. E. R. Gattelbaum, Franklin

Rev. W. Douglass Hines, Hinds

Rev. Victor Clayton, Itawamba

Rev. S. R. Pridgen, Jeff-Davis

Rev. S. S. Kelly, Jasper

Rev. M. S. Varnado, Jackson

Mr. Shelby Price, Jones

Rev. J. W. T. Siler, Lawrence

Rev. Joe D. Boutwell, Lamar

Mr. Harvey Cherry, Kemper

Rev. Clyde Bryan, Lebanon

Rev. R. W. McRae, Lincoln

Rev. L. D. Wall, Leflore

Rev. O. R. Daniels, Leake

Rev. Robert Wall, Lincoln

Rev. J. W. Stevens, Lowndes

Rev. W. M. Reeves, Monroe

Rev. Merle A. Alexander, Marion

Rev. Mel Craft, Mississippi

Dr. Earl Kelly, Marshall

Rev. Paul Brown, Montgomery

Mr. Glenn Perry, Neshoba

Rev. Ivor Clark, Noxubee

Rev. H. T. McLean, Newton

Rev. D. C. Applegate, Okfuskee

Rev. W. D. Isaac, New Choctaw

Rev. John Flowers, Pike

Rev. W. T. Douglas, Pontotoc

Mr. F. H. Hammond, Rankin

Rev. C. W. Webb, Rankin

Mr. J. Wesley Miller, Sharkey-Issad

Rev. N. F. Greer, Scott

Rev. W. H. Merritt, Smith

Rev. E. F. Hicks, Simpson

Dr. W. C. Clegg, Tishomingo

Rev. Harry Phillips, Tippah

Rev. W. A. Hamilton, Tishomingo

Rev. Nat Mayhill, Union

Rev. E. D. Elliott, Washington

Mr. W. H. Rogers, Union County

Rev. Robert E. Jones, Washington

Mr. P. E. Cunningham, Warren

Rev. Charles Hollifield, Wayne

Rev. Charlie Webb, Bolivar

Rev. C. C. Star, Yalobusha

Rev. Ulvie Pitts, Zion

Mr. Lacey Hodges, Yazoo

ported approved by the 13 and Dr. McCall but was said to be not acceptable to the trustees. This called for admission that both sides had erred in the controversy, a rescinding of the dismissals, "free opportunity" to resign for any of the 13, and establishment of a grievance procedure between the faculty and trustees.

Grave Weakness

The AATS special investigating committee, in its report, did not comment on the merits of the dispute or reveal its nature.

However, it reported "a grave

weakness and indecisiveness in the re-instatement of as many as possible of the remaining eleven."

It also noted that three of the professors had "no opportunity of a full hearing as promised," and that the hearing given in the other ten was "too hastily conceived and executed to conform to reasonable standards of dignity and due process of law."

The committee concluded that the wholesale dismissals were "in part intended as a device to secure the discharge of two members of the faculty and

Chairman of the association's investigating committee was Dr. Luther A. Waigle, dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

Spain Urged To Lift Restrictions

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—In a statement marking the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, called on Spain to lift restrictions on the civil marriage of non-Catholics.

Dr. Ohrn said that non-Catholic young people find it difficult and "in some cases impossible" to obtain permission for civil marriage under the recent laws of the Spanish government.

He pointed out that such a policy is contrary to Articles 16 and 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which provide, respectively, for the right to marry and found a family, and for full religious liberty, including the right to change one's religion.

Spanish law, as presently enforced, requires young people of Baptist and other Protestant churches to "prove that they are non-Catholics before they are granted permission for civil marriage," Dr. Ohrn said.

"Those of our number who received Catholic baptism in infancy find it almost impossible to obtain permission for civil

marriage, even though they have renounced their Catholic ties and become faithful evangelicals," he declared.

Conditions Worse

The Baptist leader charged that conditions for Protestants are worsening in Spain. He reported that three more churches were closed by authorities this fall, bringing to eight the number of Baptist churches closed since 1954, while publica-

tion of the Baptist magazine "Entre Nosotros" (Among Ourselves) has been forbidden by the government since last April.

Catholic bishops, Dr. Ohrn said, have refused to sign

statements that young people are no longer Catholics, and affidavits from Baptist ministers that the young people are faithful evangelicals have been deemed insufficient.

"Baptist young couples who

have had to postpone marriage for two years or more now face the dismal prospect that they may never be able to be legally married under present interpretations of the law," he added.

Protestants in Spain number more than 25,000 in some 260 congregations. Of this total some 2,000 in 42 congregations are Baptists. With a population of about 28,000,000, the country is predominantly Catholic.

Board Re-Elects W. L. Meadows

For the third consecutive year Rev. W. L. Meadows, pastor of First Church, Quitman, has been elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He was named unanimously at the meeting of the full Board Dec. 9. Elected as vice-president was Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of First Church, Holly Springs, succeeding Rev. W. L. Day, pastor of Calvary Church, Tupelo.

Reelected as recording secre-

tary was Rev. Charlie Webb, Glenn Perry, Philadelphia layman and Rev. Carey Cox, pastor of First Church, Brandon.

Members reelected included Rev. Clifton Perkins, West Point; Dr. John W. Landrum, Grenada, and Rev. Day.

The Board adopted the report of the Convention's Education Commission, which included three recommendations.

Within a reasonable period of time, perhaps three years, (Continued on Page 2)

Way Paved For New State Group

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)—The appointment of two new denominational workers by the executive board of Baptist General Convention of Arizona here helps pave the way for formation of an independent Baptist state convention serving Utah, Idaho, and Nevada.

Churches in those three states—with the exception of those in western Nevada—are presently affiliated with Arizona convention. They plan to become part of an independent convention in the near future.

Roland Smith, pastor, Highland Baptist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, was elected educational director for the three-state area working jointly under Arizona convention and Baptist Sunday School Board. He will continue to live in Salt Lake City. The election is effective Jan. 1.

BOARD OFFICERS—Dr. Earl Kelly, (second from left) newly-elected vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, congratulates Rev. W. L. Meadows upon his re-election for the third consecutive year as president of the Board. At left is Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, and at right is Rev. Charlie Webb, Cleveland, recording secretary, reelected. The officers were elected at the opening of the regular meeting on Tuesday of last week.

State Board Is Interim Body



EVERYONE CAN GIVE—Little Cheryl Glover of the Beginners Sunbeam department, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glover, illustrates a point being stressed by the W. M. U. as she turns in her Lottie Moon Christmas Offering box to Mrs. Sam Peeples, W. M. U. prayer chairman. "Everyone in the church can give to the special offering for foreign missions," Mrs. Peeples said in noting the \$1,520 goal set for First Church, Vicksburg, Dr. John McCall, pastor.

Seminary Trustees Issue Statement

Editor's Note: The local trustees of Southern Seminary have issued a statement following the placing of the school on probation as carried on page one of this issue. The statement follows:

We the undersigned local Trustees wish to point out that the Committee did not call into question the high academic standards of our Seminary. It is a full accredited institution.

We have continuously recognized the basic Christian character and ability of the thirteen former Professors. Likewise, all the other Professors and the President are men of the highest Christian character.

The report of the Committee, we believe, unfortunately failed to recognize the basic problem which existed. The Trustees were confronted with a power bloc of thirteen professors making demands which the Trustees could not grant. This group, however, insisted on compliance with its demands and tendered an ultimatum that the Trustees must either comply or they would resign. Facing this ultimatum, the Trustees had no alternative but to dismiss these men. This group kept threatening to resign but no resignations were ever forthcoming, and they refused to amend their demands. This attitude obviously could not be permitted to continue, and it was only after months of persuasion for reconciliation or retraction of threats that our dismissal action was taken.

BENOIT ESTABLISHES MISSION

Benoit Mission was begun November 16, with a revival held in a four-room tenant house. The revival was scheduled for one week, but at the request of the people it continued two weeks. There were 29 for the first service, with the highest attendance reaching 67.

There were 11 professions of faith, one by restoration, and 16 by letter. There are four working with the Mission who will retain their membership in the Benoit Church.

December 7, there were 50 present for the organization of a Sunday school. Because of the lack of space, there were only four classes, Adult, Young People and older Intermediates, Younger Intermediates and Juniors, and one for those under nine.

The Benoit Church is sponsoring the mission. Rev. Charles Steele is pastor of Benoit and the Rosedale Mission.

Rev. Joseph W. Oliver, Supt., Boliver County Missions, will direct the work of the Benoit Mission.

Corinth Church Receives Award

Corinth Church, Philadelphia, has received a "30,000" certificate award for being a newly constituted church, constituted September 21, 1958.

This is the first Choctaw church (New Choctaw Association) to receive such an award. Rev. John C. Allen is pastor.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention was organized December 23, 1836 for "missionary purposes, and other objects connected with the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth—particularly in the state of Mississippi."

The constitution of the body spells out its purpose as that of Christian missions, education, social services and benevolences in Mississippi and into all parts of the world.

The administrative body of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The Board is composed of one member from each of the participating associations in the state. Currently there are 76 such associations, including the New Choctaw (Indian), accounting for the present Board membership of 76.

The Convention grants to the Board the authority to supervise the general work of the Convention. This embodies all business and the work of missions, education, social service and benevolences.

Convention Ad Interim

The Convention itself is not a continuously existing body but is organized at the beginning of each annual session in November and actually exists only while it is in session.

The Board therefore is the Convention between sessions and acts for the Convention as such. The Board meets three times annually or upon call.

The first regular meeting after the Board is elected by the Convention in November is held in December at which time officers are elected and the Board organized.

The next regular meeting is held in September at which time the principal business of the Board is conducted.

The other regular meeting is held the day prior to the opening of the State Convention in November.

Five Officers

The Board elects five officers—a president, vice-president, recording secretary, executive secretary and treasurer. Dr. Chester L. Quarles serves as executive secretary as well as treasurer.

The request that Dr. McCall be asked to withdraw from the Accrediting Commission of the AACTS obviously stems from the fact that a litigant ought not to sit on the bench in a case in which he is involved. We call attention to the fact that President McCall voluntarily absented himself from all meetings of the American Association of Theological Schools during this inquiry.

V. V. Cook, W. R. Pettigrew, C. E. Gheens, Russell Procter, Ira J. Porter, F. A. Sampson, Joseph E. Stopher, Leo T. Wofford.

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The Board annually elects an Executive Committee of nine members which meets monthly or upon call and does the work of the Board between its sessions. The Committee is also the trustee of all Convention funds.

It is organized into three committees of three members each.

These are personnel, policy, and business advisory.

Ex-officio members of the Executive Committee are the executive secretary of the Board and the president of the Convention. The personnel committee of the Executive Committee is responsible for nominating all Convention Board employed personnel.

Has Three Committees

The Board has three standing committees and eleven administrative committees. The three standing committees are: Audit, Budget and Allocations; Assemblies, and Temperance.

The administrative committees relate to the various phases of the work of the Board and meet during the September session for the purpose of reviewing the work and making any recommendations thought advisable.

The Convention maintains one other board, one agency, and six institutions, each operated by a separate board of trustees. However, the executive secretary of the Convention Board counsels with them as occasion arises upon their relation to the Convention.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention today maintains a growing enterprise of missions, education, social service and education not only in Mississippi but through the Southern Baptist Convention to many parts of the world.

Three-Year Terms

Last year the 1770 participating churches gave \$3,119,317.27 to implement this program, which is administered by the Convention Board.

Convention Board members are elected for three year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms at any one time. Any Board member moving from the territory of his association automatically terminates his membership.

According to the Convention's constitution, the association

Baptist

Briefs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — "Total Southern Baptist denominational forces will be marshaled for the first time for a Convention-wide stress on teaching and training in 1960," Dr. W. L. Howse, Education Division director for the Baptist Sunday School Board, said here last week.

MEMPHIS — (BP) — Advance subscriptions to Ambassador Leader, newest publication of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, reached 1138 on Dec. 1, 60 days prior to publication of the first issue.

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — (BP) — The board of trustees of Georgetown College has voted to construct a dormitory for girls.

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. — (BP) — The executive board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky voted here to delay a decision on the recent management survey done of the association's work. It referred to a 17-member committee of the executive board, to be appointed later, the job of considering the recommendations made following the survey.

PARIS LANDING, Tenn. — (BP) — State Brotherhood secretaries and Royal Ambassador leaders will meet for their annual leadership planning meeting here Dec. 15-17.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — The field force of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be "At Home" Dec. 15 through 19. The entire field and professional group of employees of the Board will not accept any field engagement that week, but remain in Nashville to participate in a week of inside conferences.

CHICAGO — (RNS) — Billy Graham told 1,400 young people attending the annual 4-H Club Congress here that youth was "the only hope of the world."

DALLAS — (BP) — Because of complaints about Sunday drills for the National Guard in Texas, the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas will appoint a committee to study the Guard's policy on Sunday drills.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (BP) — The executive board of Alabama Baptist State Convention has set aside \$1,000 \$277,250 for a new state Baptist office building here.

DENVER — (BP) — "Your messages, department, and news broadcasts have properly represented Baptists as striving to be Scriptural and Christian in all things," the executive board of Colorado Baptist General Convention said in a letter addressed to Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas.

Dr. E. C. Williams, who recently retired as state Sunday School secretary after serving 26 years in that capacity, will become part-time field representative of the Baptist Record.

Dr. W. C. Fields, editor, said in making the announcement that he would begin his duties January 1.

Dr. Williams is widely known among Mississippi Baptists and will devote his efforts largely to that of increasing the circulation of the paper.

There are about 600 churches in the state, mostly the smaller churches, that are not in the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record and Dr. Williams will work toward enlisting them to come into the Plan.

1,100 EF Churches

He will also work among the approximately 1,100 churches already in the Plan, encouraging them to bring their mailing lists up-to-date by adding names of families or individuals who may not now be receiving the paper.

The Baptist Building in Jackson, located at the corner of Mississippi and Congress streets is the home of the Convention Board. It is a two-story and basement structure, purchased in 1945 at a cost of \$110,000.

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Laymen Help Unsaved Decide For Christ

By J. T. ELLIFF
Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church
Kansas City, Mo.
There is absolutely nothing to
equal the inspiration of seeing
people walk the aisle for Christ

each Sunday. It is especially
thrilling if you know these people
are being moved in a city
pastorate by the old-time pro-
cedure of prayer, visitation, and
Holy Spirit conviction.

The procedure we have fol-
lowed for over a year has been
the greatest contributor to an
increase of 13 per cent in baptisms.
It has given our church a
feeling of expectancy in every
service that people would profess faith.

Our plan at Bethany Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., is this: A group of men meet for breakfast each Saturday to make reports, to take soul-winning assignments, and to pray. The pastor is in charge of the meeting which lasts an hour and 15 minutes. (We found it convenient to meet in a private dining room of a restaurant so that fluctuations in the size of the group would not matter.)

The men agreed from the first to three basic things. First, they wanted to help unsaved and unchurched people, and were willing to take time each week to do it.

Second, they did not want publicity for the group or themselves when decisions were made. This was to be no select group, no "Andrew" band. Third when they met they were willing to stick to a rather rigid agenda.

No Fellowship
It is important to note that this was to be no jolly fellowship meeting. It was not even to be a general discussion meeting of church problems. In fact, we agreed to not even pray for anything except unsaved or unchurched people by name!

Bethany has not tried to "train" these men to win souls; they have learned by doing. Most of those won are visited and cultivated and yearned over until they start attending church services.

Usually they make their decision for Christ in the service. Recently we have been taking a card with a verse of Scripture on it to memorize through the week. We each quote this verse with the reference while the meal is in progress.

Our rigid schedule is this: 7:00 Order meals; have blessing; quote memory verse; report on last week's assignments (very brief and to the point); take new assignments from pastor; kneel for prayer around the circle.

8:15 Dismissed.

How Do They Like It?
How do the men like it? Da-

mon Robinson, busy wholesale hardware salesman, says, "I am grateful for the privilege of being a small part of this group of men who desire to be about the Master's business of winning souls.

"Without such an opportunity as this meeting affords, I doubt very much if I could or would have the courage to go in his name to tell the good news as I have found myself doing under his leadership. It is more rewarding than anything I have ever done before."

E. W. Poore, retired Sears executive, and president of Missouri Baptist Brotherhood, says it is one of the most challenging things he talks about to men over the state. He reports many groups being organized for the same purpose.

As pastor, I can say that I doubt if I will ever again be without such a group. Our men want to be soul-winners! They should, for we have been telling them for years that soul-winning is everyone's job! A plan like that above provides the incentives and produces the results.

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DR. AND MRS. Eugene Grubbs, newly-appointed Southern Baptist missionaries will soon be telling the good news of God's love in Indonesia.

Mississippi Pastor and Wife Named As Missionaries To Indonesia

RICHMOND, Va. — Pastor and Mrs. W. Eugene Grubbs, of First Church, Charleston, Miss., have been appointed missionaries to Indonesia today by the Foreign Mission Board at its regular monthly meeting in Richmond, Va.

Dr. Grubbs has been pastor of the Charleston church since May, 1957. He was formerly pastor of East Avenue Church, Springfield, Mo., Seven Hills Church, Mobile, Ala., and Mount Olive Church, Hastings, Fla., and fellow in Christian psychology and counseling at New Orleans (La.) Seminary. He was in the U. S. Navy for nearly three years.

A native of Foley, Ala., he attended the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and received the bachelor of arts degree from Stetson University, De Land, Fla., and the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

Conviction Deepened
Dr. Grubbs said he began to feel an interest in foreign missionary programs at the seminary. "Through the years the conviction deepened that I should offer my services to the Foreign Mission Board," he said. "My wife, also, began to feel a call. In November, 1957, during a School of Missions in our church, we arrived at our decision to permit God to have his way in our lives and became candidates for missionary appointment."

Hinds Pastors Elect Editor As President

Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of The Baptist Record, has been named president of the Hinds County Baptist Pastors Conference.

Other officers chosen were Rev. Bob Simmons, pastor of Oak Forest Church in Jackson, vice president; Dr. Clark Hensley, superintendent of missions for Hinds Association, secretary.

John Bonner will be the narrator. Music will be furnished by the three Primary, two Junior, Intermediate, Young People and Adult Choirs.

Scenery will be sponsored by the Northside Church Brotherhood, Col. R. A. Locke, president, with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Byrd in charge. Gene Cazeneave and Mildred Woud, As-

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will direct the lighting.

The Christmas Pageant was

written by Mr. and Mrs. Ed

Byrd, members at Northside.

Rev. Wm. Henry Crouch is pas-

tor and Wm. E. Jarvis, Minister

of Music.

May the meaning of Christmas be
Deeper, its Friendship Stronger, and its
Hopes Brighter as it comes to you this Year!

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

Superintendent, Faculty and Children

of

The Baptist Orphanage



Every day's work on the set where Southern Baptist television films are being shot is opened with

prayer. Here actors, cameramen, prop men, technicians, everyone pause as Paul Stevens, SBC Ra-

dio and television commission director, asks God's blessings on their combined talents.



GREAT FILMS are made in the cutting room, where scenes must be left in or cut out by the "feel" for it. Paul Stevens discusses a sequence with Bobby Fritch, studio's film editor, during production of the Southern Baptist televangelism series.



TEENAGER SALLY JAMES is unable to cope with an unexpected turn in her romance with young Jerry Banks, and she can get no counsel from her divorced mother who is wrapped up in a business career. Scene is from the complete, new dramatic episode on self-centeredness, titled "a Walk in the Dark", in the television series "This Is the Answer," produced by the Southern Baptist radio and television commission. Sally James is played by Susan Whitney, and Jerry Banks by Gary Vinson.

Televangelism Series For '59 Launching

Southern Baptists launch one of the most unusual evangelistic undertakings of this electronic age early in 1959 under the name TELEVANGELISM. The wide appeal of one of the twentieth century's most amazing gadgets — television — is

combined with one of the first century's most effective soul-winning methods — personal witnessing — in a new effort to reach the nation's unsaved multitudes with the gospel message.

TELEVANGELISM has been designed to give every church

member opportunity for a vital part in the 1959 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade next spring, which will launch the nation-wide Baptist Jubilee Advance.

13 New Films

The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern

Baptist Convention, under direction of Paul M. Stevens, has produced 13 new 30-minute dramatic films which will be shown under the series title THIS IS THE ANSWER by station across

the nation on Sunday afternoons in January, February and March. Each station is to show

the film at the same time.

Church members are urged to invite their unsaved friends and neighbors to view the films and to use the occasion to win them to Christ. Booklets are available discussing each problem presented and explaining the plan of salvation.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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W. C. FIELDS, Editor

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Thursday, Dec. 18, 1958

The Spirit Of The Season

What a different world we would have if the atmosphere of these late December days could pervade all twelve months of the year.

George Matthew Adams wrote, "The happiest event of the year is—and ought to be—Christmas."

"Shadowing the entire world," said he, "is the spirit of good will—the one time of the year when people everywhere turn their thoughts to others. How wonderful if his spirit could only live throughout the entire year!"

Congratulations To Carey

The year-end has brought good news to the campus of William Carey College.

As announced in last week's issue of the paper, the school is now fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges.

Furthermore, with two additions to the faculty next semester, the school will have the largest proportion of faculty members with the Doctor's degree of any institution of higher learning in Mississippi.

Enrollment for the first semester is up 20 percent over last year and 200 percent over five years ago.

Christmastime congratulations to President J. Ralph Noonester, Dean Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., the faculty and student body for a high order of achievement in Christian education.

No Paper Next Week

Following a custom of long standing, there will be no issue of *The Baptist Record* next week.

This is the final week of publication this year. The next paper will carry the date, January 1, 1959.

May we take this space then to tell you that it has been a great privilege to serve with Mississippi Baptists during this year.

... and may the Christmas season, with all of its rich meaning for every believer in Christ, bring you peace and joy.

Concerning Revival Reports

In all likelihood there will be more than 2,500 revival meetings conducted in Mississippi Baptist churches during 1959.

The year of evangelism emphasis will bring a greater amount of revival activity than we have seen heretofore. Your state paper will support these efforts to the fullest.

In order to be helpful to as many churches as possible some changes in revival reporting will go into effect January 1. News concerning all individual church revivals will be carried in a column headed "Revival Dates."

Information for this column should include the name of the church, the association, the inclusive revival dates, the names of the revival preacher and singer, their home addresses, and the name of the pastor.

Thumbnail cuts or mats of one of the principal participants in the revival will be used whenever furnished. A church desiring to have a thumbnail cut made for this purpose should send a glossy print to *The Baptist Record*. The engraving cost to the church is small.

Because of limited space and the great number of revivals we will no longer be able to use one column cuts in connection with individual church revivals.

Simultaneous campaigns and central meetings involving a number of churches will be given fuller coverage in both news and pictures.

After January 1 information concerning individual church revivals that have concluded will be carried in a regular column headed "Revival Results."

Those reporting on such meetings should give the following facts: church, association, dates, preacher, singer, pastor, number for baptism, by letter or restoration for vocational Christian service, for rededication.

These policies are set forth with the approval of *The Baptist Record* Advisory Committee and are intended to give wider, more comprehensive information.

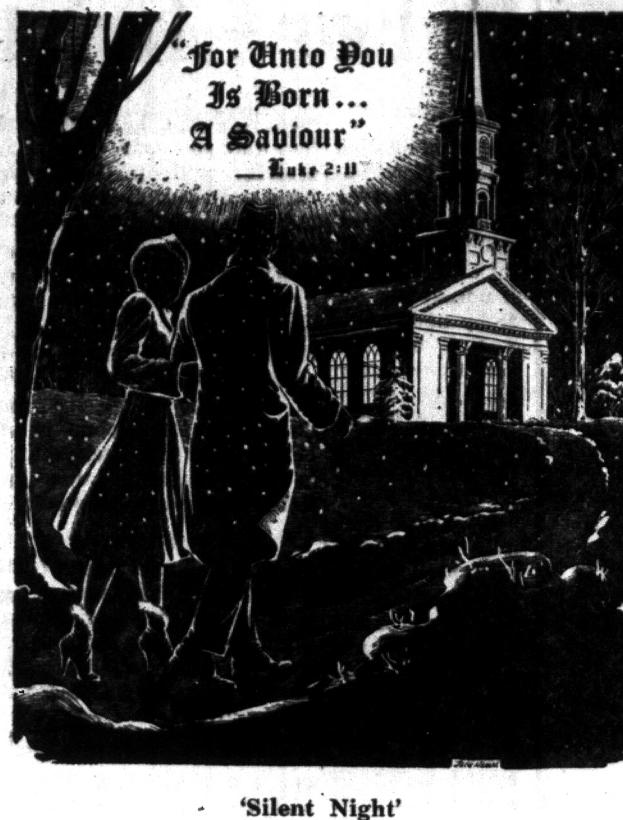
Within the crowded space available each week it is the desire and purpose of all connected with your state paper to make this journal a helpful ally to every Baptist church and every Baptist in Mississippi.

Christmas Greetings!

TO: THE BAPTIST PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI — FROM:

Chester L. Quarles	L. Gordon Sansing
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W. C. Fields	Kermitt King
Arthur Nelson	Ralph Winders
William P. Davis	William A. Keel
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Claude Morgan	Harry A. Spencer

... and the associates, secretaries, and workers in the various departments located at the Baptist Building, Jackson.



The Baptist Forum

Weekly Letter

It gives me so much pleasure to send you a check for the *Baptist Record*. I don't want to miss a single copy. My mother (when she was living) looked forward and called it her weekly letter as she was so much interested in all the news from the Baptist preachers.

Mrs. Lizzie Gooch Pittman
Oakland, Mississippi.

News From Oregon

Two years ago this month I left McLain, Mississippi, where I had pastored for 30 months and assumed the pastorate of the First Southern Baptist Church, Eugene, Oregon. I can truthfully say that the last 24 months have been the happiest, and what I consider the most profitable, months of my ministry.

I have appreciated so much the fine service you have rendered Mississippi Baptists and the cause of Christ through the *Baptist Record*. I eagerly await its arrival each week. As you already know, much of the success of the 30,000 campaign depends upon what Southern Baptists do in pioneer areas.

I have seen the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington grow in the past 24 months from 140 churches and missions to the present 170 churches and missions. I have been in contact all along with Dr. Quarles concerning the tremendous needs and challenges of the Northwest.

These opportunities are unrecognized by many because of their distance from pioneer work, and will remain so until men in your position see the greatness of this work.

Mack P. Jones, Pastor
First Southern Baptist
Church
2520 Harris Street
Eugene, Oregon

Thanks From The Orphanage

Do let me take this method, however delayed, to thank you once again for the most splendid coverage given the Baptist Orphanage in your paper, the *Baptist Record*, concerning the history, program and ministry of the Home.

Especially was this very time-

Pages

From The Past

By J. L. BOYD SR.

50 YEARS AGO

Dr. J. L. Johnson of Clinton advocates strongly an Old Preachers' Home for the old worn out Baptist preachers of Mississippi.

John H. Buchanan of Blue Mountain was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by the Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, on fifth Sunday in November, 1908, as reported by his pastor, Rev. R. A. Kimbrough. (This young man recently retired after serving the South Side Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala., as pastor, and the denomination for many years.)

Pastor R. A. Kimbrough of Blue Mountain had as his helper in their annual revival Rev. W. A. Borum of Oxford, with fifty-five additions, forty of them for baptism.

There were sixty additions to the Kentwood church from a revival in which Pastor W. A. Cain was assisted by Rev. W. A. Holcomb as evangelist.

Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, president of the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention in her appeal for the Christmas Offering, suggests an average of twenty-five cents for each woman in the church.

The Greenwood Baptist Church had a "Dirt Breaking" ceremony on December 15, two in the afternoon, for their new "temple of worship" with Pastor Selsus E. Tull taking up "the spade, shoved it to the handle in the ground."

25 YEARS AGO

The new church house of the Second Baptist Church, Biloxi, was completed recently and the keys turned over to Pastor E. S. Flynt by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. DeJean, who had contributed liberally of money and their time in supervising the erection of the building. The male members of the church donated their time and skills, one man as much as sixty days labor. The Pan-American Petroleum Corporation gave a large dwelling and garage in support of the movement.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—Free Offers, a folder listing materials provided churches free by the Baptist Sunday School Board, may be secured by writing the Board's Service Division, director's office.



ACHIEVING RECORDS in Sunday School attendance at Coldwater Church in Neshoba County are the two boys shown above, Durwood Barnes and Jas. Moore Durwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Barnes, has been present every Sunday for one year and James, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Moore, has a record of three years' perfect attendance. Rev. Clyde H. Wroten is their pastor.



BERLIN STAMP—West Berlin

This stamp honoring Protestant theologian Dr. Friederich Schleiermacher (1768-1834) is one of a series being issued by West Berlin to hail "Great Men of Berlin." Although born in Breslau (now in Communist East Germany), Dr. Schleiermacher spent most of his working life as dean of the theological faculty at the University of Berlin. He is regarded as the father of modern Protestant theology. (RNS Photo).

New Books

SERMON OUTLINES ON BIBLE CHARACTERS (OLD TESTAMENT) compiled by Al Bryant (Zondervan, 62 pp., \$1.00)—a paperback loose leaf assortment of 51 sermon outlines on Old Testament characters intended as pump-primers, not crucibles.

PREACHING ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST by W. S. McBirnie (Zondervan, 118 pp., \$2.00)—sermons by a San Antonio pastor whose church (Trinity Baptist) has grown from a charter membership of 94 in 1949 to over 3,000.

THE NEW TESTAMENT, A BOOK-BY BOOK SURVEY by Mark G. Cambron (Zondervan, 472 pp., \$5.95)—a hundred yard dash through the Bible with a passing glance at each of the sixty-six books they pass by.

THE TESTING OF NEGRO INTELLIGENCE by Audrey M. Shuey (J. P. Bell Company, Inc., 351 pp., \$4.00)—a fair-minded attempt to apply objective, scientific tests in a difficult area, done by a psychology professor in a Baptist school, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va.

THE EPISTLES OF PAUL by W. J. Conybeare (Baker, 231 pp., \$2.50)—a separate reprint of the translation and comments portion of the incomparable Conybeare and Howson book, *The Life and Epistles of St. Paul*.

PERSONAL SOUL-WINNING by Leonard Sanderson (Convention Press, 131 pp., 60c)—a manual on the most important work the Christian ever does, clearly presented and timed to the needs of the 1959 emphasis on evangelism.

THE DIGNITY OF THE UNDEFEATED AND OTHER SERMONS (Christopher, 174 pp., \$3.00)—a dozen sermons by a Congregationalist pastor, built around modern fiction and biography.

SERMONOTES by Wendell Stearns (Baker, \$8.85)—a handy notebook for jotting down sermon ideas during conventions, assemblies, and other such meetings.

Counselor's

Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON
(Author of "For Our Age of Anxiety". Available at Your Baptist Book Store)

CHRISTMAS TROUBLES

QUESTION: Every Christmas is a nightmare at our house. My husband wants to take the family and go to his folks. I want to go to mine and yet our children, who are ten and thirteen, want us to stay at home and have our Christmas. It seems a pity to make the birth of Christ a time of coldness and quarreling. What can we do?

ANSWER: Hostility within families is a tragic thing. Yet the kind of problem you face is not an uncommon one.

What can you do? Get on the same team. You and your husband have never quite become one. Now your children are forming a third team. What a pity!

It seems to me that you and your whole family ought to sit down and face together your social obligations. You certainly have some responsibility to both of your parents. Maybe you can go to one of your families this Christmas and to the other next. Perhaps the parents can come to your house instead of your going to theirs.

It sounds to me as if someone is trying to control somebody else. This is not very Christian. Freedom is very important here especially for adults. Children have to be taught to conform to certain customs. They have obligations even to grandparents. They will be grandparents some day themselves.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 W. 47 Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)

Calendar of Prayer

December 22 — J. Monroe Lamm, Mississippi College faculty; Earl Warford, Alcorn Associational Missionary.

December 23 — Mrs. Evelyn McClure, William Carey College faculty; David C. Yang, Williams Carey College faculty.

December 24 — Dan Thompson, Marion Associational Sunday School Supt.; J. B. Hiott, Marshall Associational Sunday School Supt.

December 25 — Victor M. Kanubbe, New Choctaw Associational Music Director; J. B. Rowe, Zion Associational Music Director.

December 26 — Virginia E. Lane, Blue Mountain College physician; Mrs. Joel Barr, Baptist Building.

December 27 — Mrs. Joe Clark, Baptist Building; Kathryn Jasper, Hinds Associational B. S. U. Director.

December 28 — Joe Duckett, LeFlore Associational Brotherhood President; R. B. Moore, Neshoba Associational Training Union Director.

CHICAGO, Ill. (RNS) — A home study course for American Baptist Convention pastors whose training does not meet educational standards recommended by the denomination's Commission on the Ministry will be offered early in 1959, it was announced at the Commission's annual meeting here.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — (BP) — The board of missions of Florida Baptist Convention has awarded a contract for a new state convention office building here. It is expected to cost about \$500,000.

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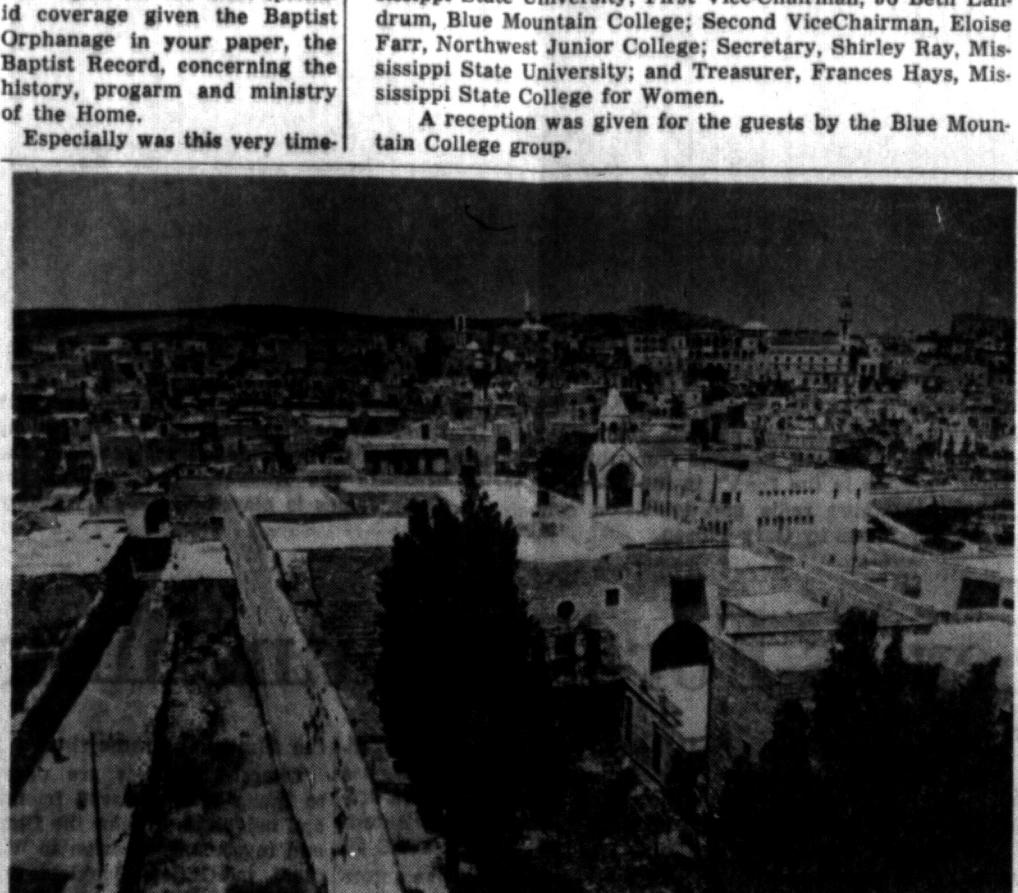
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MODERN BETHLEHEM—This is Bethlehem today as seen from the Tower of the Church of the Nativity, which is built over the traditional spot where Jesus was born 2,000 years ago. (Religious News Service Photo).



WHERE JESUS WAS BORN—This is the Greek Orthodox Tower on the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The church is built over a grotto where according to tradition the infant Jesus was born 2,000 years ago.—(RNS Photo).

Child Care Leaders Meet Jan. 29-30

OKLAHOMA CITY — (BP)—Those who direct Southern Baptists' children's homes and other child care programs will meet here Jan. 29-30 to share their common interests and problems.

Their organization, which meets yearly, is known as the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists.

While the organization itself

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Postals Spread Yule Cheer

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.

On my recent birthday two friends presented me with 60 postal cards, knowing a favorite hobby of mine is the use of postals. I use hundreds of friendships alive—one of the truest joys in life for me. Indeed, I've found nothing in life more rewarding.

Of all the numerous articles I've written, none has ever brought me a heartier response than on "Kindness by Mail"—kindness mainly by the use of postals: three cents, two minutes, then a kind message on its way to cheer some burdened or lonely heart.

Christmas Cheer

I write this simply to urge you to try this out at Christmas. Instead of the conventional Christmas card, with maybe only your name or initials to identify you, try a real heart-message on a postal card. It's cheap—it's quick—it's easy, and it can be heart-warming, if only you put your heart into it.

And don't be stingy with your heart-messages, greeting only a few intimate relatives and friends. The world is full of hearts aching to know someone cares. And a postal can do wonders to ease the aches. I've tried it hundreds of times and know firsthand.

I've just received a two-page letter, beautifully written, from an unknown woman in Indiana, thanking me for an article of mine for last Christmas on how I find Christmas joy. A paper containing it had somehow been dropped in her driveway. It was bedraggled by passing cars, some of it unreadable. In my article I had remarked that I myself would love to get a heart-message on a postal.

Habit Formed

And she wrote, "That got me! For it has been my habit for years to write postals to my neighbors with heart-messages: to one, 'I have enjoyed you the past year—the smoke rising from your chimney over your fireplace—and you maybe sitting by it.' To another, 'I love the new arrangement of your lawn.' To another, 'I admire you fine children.' And one neighbor phoned her, 'Of all the Christmas cards we've received in years, your postal did me more good than all the other Christmas cards together!' The editor wants to print her model letter.

I wrote a postal to a woman I've never seen. I only knew her father as a little boy with me in a rural Sunday school—80 years ago. I learned he was near death—he has just been buried. I knew she was anxious, besides carrying the burdens of a school teacher. My

and Social Work, Louisville, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, will attend. Among the objectives of his school is producing graduates who are well-qualified to serve in Baptist child care work.

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postal said, "Be sure I care, and I'll pray for you."

She replied—and with what pathos! "Your card brought me just what I needed. I put your card in my purse and took it to school, and took it out and read it several times during the day—just to feel that someone cared!" And only a postal!

Heart Message

I read of the death of a fine man, my neighbor years ago, the father of a high-ranking general. I wrote a postal to the fine Christian widow, simply saying how his death grieved me too, and how fine I felt the parents and children were years before—just a little heart-message.

She wrote me touchingly—and sincerely, I'm sure: "Of all the hundreds of telegrams, letters, and notes received, none did me so much good as your note!" Only a postal, and a heart to care!

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THE ELEVEN YEAR JUNIOR GIRLS' Sunday School class pictured above set something of a record by having every member present and all 100 per cent for the first seven Sundays of the church year. This new class is one of 41 Junior classes in the eight Junior departments of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes, pastor. Pictured are, first row, left to right: Linda Casaver, Marsha Bowers, Donna Dukes, and Mrs. Omera Lynn, teacher. Second row, left to right: Becky Myers, Anita Benson, Linnie Patterson. (Not pictured is Pat Brown.)



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NOTES: The number in parentheses indicates the number of quarters during the year the union or department was standard.	
ADAMS	
Natchez, First Adult Union Department (7 yr.)	
ALCORN	
Wheeler Grove Adult Union: "Young Married"	
BOLIVAR	
Immanuel, Cleveland Beginner Department (2)	
CALHOUN	
Bethany Junior Union No. II	
Calhoun City, First Junior Union: "Live Wires" Junior Department No. I	
CHICKASAW	
Houston, First Adult Union: "Joyful Servants" "Faithful Workers" (4) Adult Department	
CLAY	
Calvary, West Point Nursery Department (2) Beginner Department (2) Primary Department (3)	
West Point, First Primary Department (4)	
CLARK	
Quitman, First Adult Union	
COPIAH	
Hazlehurst, First Junior Union: 11-12 Year olds	
COVINGTON	
Collins Junior Union: "Willing Workers"	
Mt. Olive Junior Union: 11-12 Year olds	
GREENADA	
Gulfport, First Primary Department No. II (2) Primary Department No. III	
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Prescription For Peace

By WAYNE BARTON, Professor
New Orleans Seminary

The Christmas angels may have been on key. But they appear to have been "off base." The theme of their song has been understood through the years as a prediction of peace. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

But two thousand years have passed and the nations have not yet beaten their "swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks," and the study of war is still the chief item in the curricula of the nations around the world.

Just before the American Revolution, Patrick Henry epitomized the plight of the world when he said, "Gentlemen may cry 'Peace! Peace!' but there is no peace. The war has already begun!" And shortly after the Civil War, Longfellow penned this expression of despair:

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

And, as for our time, (to parody Patrick Henry) who knows but what the next gale that sweeps from the East will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms?

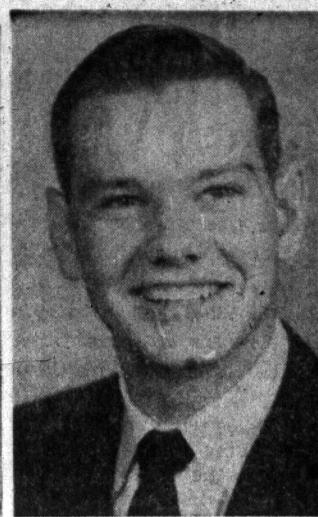
The Good Will of God

Were the angels wrong? Not if rightly understood. For recent New Testament study reveals that Luke 2:14 probably should be translated "Peace on earth, to men of good will." "Good will" here seems to refer to God's good will bestowed upon men in Jesus Christ. The angels, then, were speaking of internal and not international peace, though the former must precede and may eventually lead the latter.

Longfellow must have sensed this truth, for he continued his verse:

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, goodwill to men."

No, the angels were not wrong. For theirs was not a prediction of peace. It was rather a prescription for peace: the good will of God in Jesus Christ.



Rev. John Landrum, Jr.

To Pastor Mission At Canton

Rev. John W. Landrum, Jr. has been called as pastor of Northside Mission, Canton, which is a mission of First Baptist Church. For the past year and a half he was pastor of two half-time churches, Tippo Baptist Church in Tallahatchie Association and Scooby Church in Yalobusha Association.

Mr. Landrum, a third generation pastor, is a freshman at Mississippi College and is majoring in Bible. Upon graduation he plans to enter Southern Seminary.

ATLANTA (BP) — Monroe F. Swilley Jr., pastor of Atlanta's Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church was elected president of the executive committee of Georgia Baptist Convention.

Sunday School And Training Union

Attendance

December 14, 1958

Amory, First	348	156
Antioch (Rankin)	44	27
Batesville, First	384	145
Biloxi, Emmanuel	287	118
Brookhaven, First	751	259
Main	646	266
Southway	78	30
Halbert Heights	27	23
Bruce, First	229	70
Byram	236	141
Calhoun City, First	225	97
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	428	134
Cleveland, First	298	179
Main	263	
Chinese Mission	35	
Clinton, Morrison Hts.	119	66
Collins	150	102
Columbia, First	611	231
Corinth, East	213	125
Cruger	46	28
Crystal Sprs., First	495	191
Dixie (Lebanon)	163	75
Glenfield (Union Co.)	97	80

NOTICE!

Beginning the first week in January the number of additions in the churches will be published each week in this column.

Those reporting Sunday School and Training Union attendance will also want to report on additions (for baptism, by letter, statement, and restoration).

Greenville, First	676	293
Main	560	244
Greenfield	59	49
Chinese Mission	57	
Greenville, Parkview	242	90
Greenwood, North	247	104
Gulfport, Bayou View	129	53
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	295	90
Hattiesburg:		
First	610	243
Main Street	1030	448
Main	953	392
N. Main Mission	43	28
Wayside Mission	34	28
38th Avenue	238	126
Main	229	
Bonhomie Mission	9	
Houston, First	198	98
Jackson:		
Alta Woods	609	300
Broadmoor	625	250
Ridgecrest	654	266
Crestwood	328	185
First	1535	573
Van Winkle	559	305
Immanuel	212	133
Dan. Memorial	909	416
Hillcrest	375	165
Parkway	906	496
Highland	171	89
Midway	220	111
Southside	253	150
West Jackson	364	138
Calvary	1454	556
Main	1422	536
Mission	32	20
Northside	671	206
Kosciusko, First	567	161
Main	545	
Maple Mission	22	
Laurel:		
First	657	204
Highland	305	129
Wildwood	304	108
Linwood (Neshoba)	104	67
McComb, Central	198	75
McComb, Locust St.	99	46
McComb, Navilla	111	60
Morton, First	234	111
Moss Point, East	299	141
Main	255	119
Mission	44	22
New Albany, First	570	215
Newton, First	475	236
Oxford, First	405	216
Pascagoula, First	662	229
Main	622	204
McArthur Chapel	40	25
Pearl (Rankin)	210	109
Petal:		
Crestview	66	40
Petal-Harvey	324	171
Main	276	118
Harvey Mission	48	53

Smith Pastors Extend Sympathy To Horn Family
The Baptist Record has received a copy of a letter from the Smith County Baptist Pastors' Conference, "extending heartfelt sympathy to the family of their fellow-laborer in the Lord," Rev. Hinton Horn, who was killed recently in an auto accident.
The communication, signed by Rev. Victor C. Johnson, president, and Rev. W. P. Blair, secretary, also pledged to help the family "in any need."
Rev. Clyde Bryan, pastor, states that they have made arrangements with the printer to make these available to any church desiring them. The cost is twenty cents per copy.
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Crestview

Petal-Harvey

Main

Harvey Mission

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THE BAPTIST RECORD 7



CALVARY CHURCH, Meridian, crowned Bobby Carroll Smith, Queen in Service, at a recent G. A. Coronation. Miss Nannie David, retired missionary, gave the charge and presented her with a gift from the church. Ann Seal, Becky Gardner, and Mary Ruth Jacobs, were crowned queens, with Mrs. J. E. Bassett, W. M. U. President, giving them their charge and presenting them with white Bibles. Rev. Otis Seal is pastor.

— THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Joy At The Saviour's Birth

By Dr. Bracey Campbell

Bible texts: Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-20.

INTRODUCTION. Here we are approaching the Christmas season and the thought of the Saviour's birth comes into mind. Nobody knows that the 25th day of December is the birthday of our Lord and different scholars have claimed every month in the year as the month in which he was born. I cannot see what earthly or heavenly difference it makes just what day or month holds his real birthday. The fact is undoubtedly that He was born and that His birth and living have made this a different world.

Only Matthew and Luke record his birth and their accounts supplement each other. An earnest reading of these accounts and a study of the backgrounds upon which they were written suggests to careful students that Matthew makes his record from the viewpoint of Joseph and Luke makes his from the viewpoint of Mary. This demands that Luke became acquainted with Mary while staying in Palestine what Paul was a prisoner in Caesarea.

I. MARY. Represented by Luke as a young, sweet, pure, trusting, devout, unspoiled, village maiden, she believed God and was submissive to His will, willing to be His handmaid in the doing of that will and with no slightest doubt of the truth of His very word. She was a young woman to whom, as an example, the maidenhood of our day might well look with ardent desire.

II. MARY'S BETROTHAL TO JOSEPH. This was a ceremony or understanding by which two people became husband and wife at a date sometime before the marriage was to be consummated.

Thus, the angel of the Lord spoke the word of God, and gave unto Him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

Second, to Mary, "In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." Unto this young woman the announcement was made that she was to become the mother of a son, "and thou shalt call His name Jesus." Mary was told that unto this son of hers, God would give the throne of Jesus' ancestor, David and that Jesus should reign forever, and of His kingdom there should be no end. She was told also, that her cousin, Elizabeth, was soon to become the mother of a son of great promise. The trusting heart of Mary doubted no word of this announcement.

IV. MARY VISITS ELIZABETH. Elizabeth lived in "the hill country of Judea," a distance probably of 50 or 60 miles of Nazareth. Luke makes a beautiful story of these two kind women and of Elizabeth's greeting of Mary as the mother of her Lord. This is followed by the wonderful song of Mary, known in Christian music as the Magnificat, where in she magnifies the Lord and, gifted with the spirit of prophecy, foretells the future.

A London teacher recently reported the excuse of a little girl who said she could not prepare her Bible reading for the school assembly "because the only copy we have at home is the reversed version."

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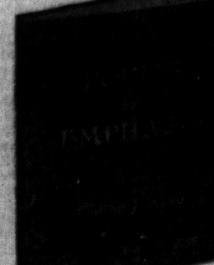
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VILLAGE SCENE AT ORPHANAGE—Thousands have made a pilgrimage each Christmas season to the Alvis residence, corner of Pecan Boulevard and Robinson Street in Jackson where the Christian Village scene has been erected on the front lawn. The Village has been given to the Baptist Orphanage at the end of Bailey Avenue on Woodrow Wilson, where it is on display. Lester Alvis, Jr., (background) looks over the village with three boys of the orphanage (left to right), Tyrone Cutrer, Leroy Mashburn and Richard Morris.

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The new educational building, shown above, will be dedicated at Damascus Church in Copiah County on December 21 at 2 p.m.

DAMASCUS TO DEDICATE BLDG.

The 134-year-old Damascus Church in Copiah County will dedicate its new \$20,000 educational building, the first unit of a construction program, on Sunday December 21, at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Joe T. Odle, Associate Executive Secretary of the Miss. Baptist Convention Board, will be the featured speaker.

Lunch will be served at the church.

The pastor, Rev. Robert Dale Tatum, has been with the church since January, 1958. During this time the church has doubled its mission program, adopted a unified budget, and departmentalized the Sunday School. The new church budget exceeds all previous budgets.

Rev. Tatum received the A. B. degree from Baylor University and the B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary. He is a Chaplain in the Naval Reserve.

Two Mississippi students will be graduated from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, in mid-winter exercises January 16. They are Mrs. G. T. Turner, Bruce, and Byron Arthur Clendinning, Jr., Jackson.

Mrs. Turner will receive a diploma in theology and Mr. Clendinning will receive a doctor of religious education degree.

Southwestern will confer 91 diplomas and degrees to students from 15 states and two foreign countries.

Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, will deliver the commencement address.



"Messiah" To Be Sung At MC Dec. 18

Nine soloists will be featured in the Christmas section of the Messiah at Mississippi College, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall Auditorium.

The concert directed by Prof. E. N. Elsey, will be presented by the Mississippi College Chorale Choir combined with the Choraleers, boys' ensemble, and the Choralets, girls' ensemble. A small orchestral group will

accompany the concert.

Raymond Ball, Waynesboro senior, will sing "Comfort ye my people" and Tanner Riley, Saltillo senior, will render "Thus saith the Lord—" Barbra Menist, Jackson junior, will sing "Behold, a virgin shall conceive—".

Other soloists include Jerry Tally, Canton senior, "For, behold, darkness walked in darkness—"; Shirley Spell, Bastrop, La., senior, "There were shepherds abiding in the fields—"; Karen Becker, Leland sophomore, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion—"; Allie Ruth Bookner, Hattiesburg freshman, "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened—"; and Sharon Harboor, Meridian sophomore, "Come unto Him".

The public is invited to attend.

Ship Your Commodities To The Baptist Orphanage

Those who have not yet made shipment of supplies of food, clothing, or household articles to The Baptist Orphanage are reminded that it is not too late. Christmas gifts for the children may also be included. The railroads will furnish free transportation for the shipment of all supplies through Dec. 31. Everyone is urged to help the Orphanage in supplying the needs of the children by taking advantage of this gracious offer by all railroads.

W. G. Mize

SHEPHERDS' FIELD—"And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock." (Luke 2:8). Photo shows the "shepherds' field" with Bethlehem in the background.—(Religious News Service Photo).

Gandy To Direct MC Campaign

Robert Gandy, Jackson business man, will serve as general chairman of the current Mississippi College campaign to raise \$500,000 for capital expenditures and endowment, it has been announced by B. C. Rogers, Morton, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees.

A 1921 graduate of Mississippi College, Gandy was the school's first alumni secretary. While in this position, he conducted the funds drive for the construction of Alumni Hall, which houses the college's gymnasium, athletic department, and physical education classrooms. He also spearheaded the campaign for the erection of Crestman Hall, men's dormitory, and Farr Hall, campus infirmary.

He is a deacon and Sunday School teacher in First Baptist Church of Jackson, a past president of the Jackson Kiwanis Club, committeeman of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, a director of the State YMCA and has filled many positions of community and denominational responsibility.

Mr. Gandy announces headquarters for the Miss. College drive are set up at 114 East Amite Street.

James E. Hester and Morris G. Blocker have recently been ordained as deacons of the Bechtel church, Rev. Charles Steele, pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Wayne Logan, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, have moved from Ibadan to Enugu, where Dr. Logan will establish a dental clinic. Their address is Baptist Mission, Enugu, Nigeria, West Africa. Both are natives of Mississippi, he of Calhoun County and she, the former Dorothy Cook, of Wiggins.

PROFESSOR CONTRIBUTES TO CENTENNIAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BPN)—A "prof's-eye" view on the lighter side will be one of Prof. Inman Johnson's contributions to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's centennial celebration next year.

"Of Parsons and Profs," his "little biography and stories collected here and there," will be published in May by Broadman Press of Nashville, Tenn.

"Prof" is professor of music and speech in Southern Baptists' oldest seminary.

Nine Students Initiated Into Delta Omicron

Nine Mississippi College students were initiated into Delta Omicron, professional fraternity for women students of music, Saturday, Dec. 13.

The initiates who are charter members of the group are: Gay Moon, Pelahatchie junior; Sarah Lou Fortenberry, Tylertown sophomore; Sarah Odle, Jackson junior; Mona Fay Gary, Clinton senior; Peggy Lewis, McComb senior; Lillian Abrams, Clinton sophomore; Virginia Wing, Marks senior; Susan Hill, Pelahatchie sophomore; and Mrs. Shirley Snell, Clinton senior. Miss Joyce Hickman, professor of piano and organ at Mississippi College, will serve as chapter advisor.

Assisting in the installation were Mrs. Roxie Beard Petzold, international president of Delta Omicron; Mrs. Vivian H. McCullough, president of Iota Providence, Enterprise, Ala.; and Miss Hickman. The Clinton Music Club will be patronesses for the campus chapter of Delta Omicron.

Off The Record

"Why," exclaimed an impatient husband, "were women made so beautiful and so dumb?"

"We are beautiful," retorted the wife, "so that men can love us, and dumb so that we can love them."

"Are your father and mother in?" asked the visitor of the small boy who opened the door.

"They was in," said the child, "but they is out."

"They was in. They is out. Where's your grammar?"

"She's gone upstairs," said the boy, "to lay down."

Young mother finally tucked her small son into bed after an unusually trying day. That's when she sighed, "Well, I've certainly worked from sun-up to sun-down."—Baptist Observer.

Two preachers passed the pyramids while touring the Middle East.

"Wow!" said one, "Think of the pledges it took to build them!"

A mother and her young son went shopping at a supermarket. The young boy, desiring to help his mother, picked up a package of something and brought it over to her.

"Oh, no, honey," mother cried. "Put it back. You have to cook that!"

No fooling — Joe — What's the hardest thing about learning to skate?

Harry — The ice, when you come right down to it.—Builders.

Jim: "Yep, the engagement is off; she won't marry me."

Joe: "Did you tell her about your rich uncle?"

Jim: "Yeah, now she's my aunt."

Two camels trudged along side by side in a caravan crossing the burning desert. Finally one looked around furtively and said: "I don't care what anybody says, I'm thirsty."

Aberdeen First Church Adopts Budget \$56,682.04

The First Church, Aberdeen, Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor, using the Forward Program of Church Finance for the first time, has adopted a record budget of \$56,682.04 for 1959.

This budget as compared to the 1958 budget of \$32,000.00 was over-subscribed on Victory Day, Nov. 30.

The budget called for \$1000 per week with \$1,134.58 actually pledged. This does not include those who pledged but gave no amount.

Five hundred seventy-three pledges were turned in with 293 agreeing to tithe.

The 1959 budget calls for \$6,000 for the Cooperative Program as compared to \$3,662.16 this year. The total mission budget for 1959 is \$13,120 as against \$6,619 for this year.

Herbert Coleman Of Canton Dies

Herbert M. Coleman of Canton died Sunday afternoon, November 30.

Mr. Coleman was a graduate of the School of Pharmacy, Tulane University, and operated a drug store at Greenville for several years. Later he was the distributor for Gulf Refining Company in Canton for 18 years when ill health forced his retirement. He returned to his farm near Canton.

He was a member of the Canton Baptist Church and served as a deacon for many years.

He is survived by his wife, the former Carolyn Holt; a daughter, Mrs. W. E. Downs, Houston, Texas; a son, Herbert Holt Coleman, Africa; his mother, Mrs. J. W. Coleman, Canton; two brothers, A. W. Coleman, Cleveland; G. C. Coleman, Canton; and one granddaughter, Cara Jane Downs.

THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.



KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS—Youngstown, O.—A child watches an outdoor Nativity scene at the foot of a huge community Christmas tree erected on Central Square in the heart of the industrial section of this city. The scene is put up every year by Youngstown's committee for a more spiritual observance of Christmas, in which Protestants and Catholics cooperate. As part of its program to "Keep Christ in Christmas," the committee also sponsors the singing of carols and hymns in Central Square.—(Religious News Service Photo).



CAREY CHALLENGED—Claude Bumpus, missionary from Brazil, challenges the good news of God's love to make their goal of \$1500 for the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering while Edile de Oliveira, student from Brazil, turns on the light on the poster. The school has passed the \$850 mark in the drive. Miss Jewell Hannah, BSU Director, presided.